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Applicant : Stephen E. Allen et al. Art Unit : 1723
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PETITION FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for filing the appeal brief due December 30, 2003, to the Notice of Appeal filed October 30, 2003, be extended for five months to and including May 30, 2004.

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Respectfully submitted,

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